SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 396
By Rochelle

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of former State
Representative, Judge and Mayor of Hartsville,
James Alfred Donoho.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of

this General Assembly learned of the death of James Alfred Donoho, who served the people of

Hartsville, Trousdale County and our great state admirably for many years in a variety of

capacities; and

WHEREAS, we remember Mr. Donoho as an attorney of considerable talent, and fondly

recall his commitment and honor his public service and his bountiful life of purpose; and

WHEREAS, the son of James Thomas and Mattie Davie Hall Donoho, Mr. Donoho was

raised in Trousdale County where he attended Trousdale County High School; he attended

Berea College, graduated magna cum laude from Milligan College in 1932 and earned his LLB

from Andrew Jackson Business University in Nashville in 1937; and

WHEREAS, this distinguished public servant was a gifted professional during his

estimable term of service as a member of the Trousdale County court; performing his duties

with great skill, Mr. Donoho was soon asked to serve as superintendent of Trousdale County

Schools, a position he held from 1942 to 1945; and

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WHEREAS, a founder and partner in the law firm of Donoho and Taylor, Mr. Donoho was appointed General Sessions Judge by Governor Frank Clement in 1963 and he was elected to that office in 1964; and

WHEREAS, he served the people of Trousdale, Macon and Sumner counties with diligence and dedication as their State Representative in the 71st General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, during his august tenure in the General Assembly, Representative Donoho evidenced the highest precepts of effective public service by closely examining both sides of any given issue, carefully considering the merits and disadvantages thereof, and then decisively voting his conscience; and

WHEREAS, the people of Hartsville also elected Mr. Donoho as their mayor, a post through which he proved himself to be a tireless advocate for the advancement of his beloved community; and

WHEREAS, fully committed to a lifetime of public service, James Donoho was a valuable member of the Democratic Executive Committee in Trousdale County, and was an active member of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Scottish Rite, the York Rite, Order of the Mystic Shrine, Order of the Eastern Star, and the Al Menah Temple in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Donoho was the only living Charter Member of the Hartsville Lions Club, where he was very active in the Lions Eye Sight programs; and

WHEREAS, a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Mr. Donoho served the congregation with love and compassion for more than 20 years as a popular and inspirational Sunday School teacher; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Donoho enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Elizabeth McMurry Donoho; Mr. Donoho was the proud father of Joe, Jim, Jennie, and the late Jimmy Donoho; and

WHEREAS, he was also the proud grandparent of one granddaughter, Cindy Donoho, and one grandson, Michael Donoho, both of Hartsville, and four great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, throughout his distinguished career, James Donoho astutely served his fellow Tennesseans in the highest offices of local and state government, and it is appropriate that we commemorate his life of purpose and achievement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby pause to honor the memory of former State Representative, Judge and Mayor of Hartsville, James Alfred Donoho, reflecting fondly upon his indelible legacy of estimable public service and his tireless commitment to perpetuating the public good.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our condolences and sympathy to his family and many friends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause deleted from such copy.

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